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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

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TAGS: CSCE, NATO
SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: POST-BELGRADE EXPERTS GROUP

REFS: (A) BELGRADE 1721 (B) STATE 44013,
(C) USNATO 1543

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1. WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE A POST-BELGRADE CBMS EXPERTS MEETING AND THAT THE INTRINSIC DRAWBACKS TO SUCH A MEETING THAT WE DESCRIBED IN REF C REMAIN VALID.

2. ADDITIONALLY, IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, IT SEEMS TO US THAT:

--A FOLLOW UP MEETING IN THE SECURITY/CBMS AREA, WITHOUT ANY NEW COMMITMENTS AT BELGRADE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CHANGING THE SUBJECT OF CSCE FROM THE EMPHASIS THE US AND ALLIES HAVE SOUGHT. MOREOVER, IT WOULD BE PUBLICLY SEEN AS ACQUIESCENCE IN CHANGING THE EMPHASIS.

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--THE INJURY TO WESTERN INTERESTS IN AND BEYOND THE CSCE
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PROCESS FROM SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULD BE GREATER AND OF LONGER DURATION THAN A DEADLOCK ON THIS ISSUE AT BELGRADE.

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--IF THE ALLIES MIGHT WAVER, AS POSTULATED IN PARA 9 OF REF A, ON ACCEPTING AN AMBIGUOUSLY MANDATED EXPERTS GROUP IN THE MILITARY FIELD, THE US SHOULD BRACE THE ALLIES BEFORE THE CRUNCH. GLITMAN

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